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FOLLOWING REPEAT CANBERRA 5184 ACTION SECSTATE INFO  
BANGKOK KUALA LUMPUR SINGAPORE JAKARTA MANILA GENEVA JUL 3.

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L CANBERRA 5184

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SREF, UN, AS  
SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN DESIRE FOR CONFERENCE ON INDOCHINESE  
REFUGEES

1. DURING TALKS IN CANBERRA WITH LOWMAN, GOA INDICATED  
A STRONG INTEREST IN DEVELOPING A MEETING BETWEEN ASEAN  
STATES AND REFUGEE RECEIVING NATIONS UNDER THE SPONSOR-  
SHIP OF THE UNHCR; PREFERABLY IN THE CONTEXT OF HCR'S  
PROJECTED VISIT TO BANGKOK IN SEPTEMBER. THEY RECOGNIZE  
SENSITIVITIES THAT SUCH A CONFERENCE MIGHT AFFECT BUT  
ALSO CLEARLY FEEL THE NEED TO SHOW THE AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC  
THAT THE PROBLEM IS BEING INTERNATIONALIZED. ADDITIONALLY,  
THEY BELIEVE STATED DESIRE OF COUNTRIES OF FIRST ASYLUM  
TO DISCUSS MATTER IN AN ASEAN CONTEXT PRESENTS A VALUABLE  
OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE VARIOUS  
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COUNTRIES CONCERNED IN DEALING WITH THIS PROBLEM.

2. GOA OFFICIALS SUGGEST THAT IMMIGRATION MINISTER  
MACKELLAR MIGHT MAKE ASUCH A MEETING ONE OF THE  
PRINCIPAL POINTS OF HIS DISCUSSINS ON HIS FORTH-  
COMING TRIP AROUND THE REGION AND WOULD LIKE A  
WASHINGTON REACTION IN SUPPORT OF SUCH AN INITIATIVE

BEFORE HE DEPARTS ON JULY 7.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. WASHINGTON'S VIEWS ON SUCH A  
CONFERENCE BY COB (WASHINGTON TIME) JULY 3.

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